



REDEEMER CHURCH

————— BANGALORE —————

Sunday, November 17, 2024

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Saviour; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome

Welcome to Redeemer Church! We are so glad you can be with us here today. We are thrilled to see God build this local church body for the furthering of His Kingdom in the neighbourhoods of North Bangalore and beyond. We know visiting a church can lead to a lot of questions and we'd love to help you find answers. Our website, redeemberbangalore.com, has details about our beliefs, vision and values. Check it out for more information about Redeemer Church, and chat with one of the elders if you have more questions.

About Our Worship Service

Our liturgy (i.e., worship service) follows the logic of the gospel and the historic pattern of God's covenant people. The main movements are as follows:

- Calling* - God takes the initiative, moves toward us with grace, and invites us to worship him.
- Cleansing* - God reminds us that we are forgiven in Christ and loved as his children.
- Communion* - God nurtures us through his Word and invites us to His table to partake of his grace.
- Commission* - God blesses us and sends us out into His world as His ambassadors.

We realise that the flow and content of the service may be unfamiliar, so we've included a few notes under each element that offer some explanation. Feel free to participate actively or to just listen and observe.

Please feel free to take this worship guide with you to use for personal worship and devotional time throughout the week.

Reflection

Take a moment to pause and prepare your hearts for the service.

“Abide in Me, cling to Me, stick fast to Me, live the life of close and intimate communion with Me, get nearer and nearer to Me, roll every burden on Me, cast your whole weight on Me, never let go your hold on Me for a moment.”

— J. C. Ryle

“In the life of Jesus, we are invited not just to look at Him from a distance, but to behold Him as the very presence of God among us. Jesus is where heaven and earth meet, and to behold Him is to glimpse God's kingdom in its fullness. In His life, death, and resurrection, we see the face of God revealed to us.”

— N. T. Wright

“To behold God in the gospel is to encounter a love that changes everything. When you see Jesus for who He truly is—God incarnate, living and dying for you—it reorients your whole life. Beholding God in Christ compels us to leave behind self-centeredness and embrace the true glory of God revealed in the cross.”

— Timothy Keller

Please silence your phone before our worship service begins. Thank you.

Song of Preparation

The music team helps the congregation prepare their hearts to meet and be met by God, their Creator and Redeemer.

Come As You Are

Come out of sadness
From wherever you've been
Come broken hearted, let rescue begin
Come find your mercy
O sinner, come kneel
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal

*So lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face
O wanderer, come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart
Come as you are*

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't cure

Come as you are, come as you are
Fall in His arms, come as you are

There's joy for the morning
O sinner, be still
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal

Welcome & Announcements

THE LORD CALLS US

Call to Worship - from Psalm 57:7-10

God invites and calls us to worship Him; we respond to His invitation.

Minister: Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!

People: We will sing and make melody! We will awaken the dawn!

Minister: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples, we will sing praises to you among the nations.

People: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds! Come, let us worship the Lord together!

Songs of Adoration

We sing praises to God and proclaim through song the good news of who God is and what He has done in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Is He Worthy

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)
Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)
But do you know that all the dark
Won't stop the light
From getting through?(We do)
Do you wish that you could see
It all made new? (We do)

Is all creation groaning? (It is)
Is a new creation coming? (It is)
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light
Within our midst? (It is)
Is it good that we remind
Ourselves of this? (It is)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal
And open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah
Who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb
Who died to ransom the slave

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honour and glory
Is He worthy of this? He is

Does the Father truly love us? (He does)
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)
And does Jesus, our Messiah
Hold forever those He loves? (He does)
Does our God intend to dwell
Again with us? (He does)

From every people and tribe
Every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom
And priests to God
To reign with the Son

He is worthy, He is worthy
Of all blessing and honour and glory
He is worthy of this, He is

Prayer of Adoration

This is a prayer of praise and adoration for who God is. It focuses on the glory and honor of our great and mighty God, but also asks God to help us worship Him.

Holy Forever

A thousand generations
Falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
All who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all
And the angels cry, Holy
All creation cries, Holy
You are lifted high, Holy
Holy forever

If you've been forgiven
And if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom
And if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

Hear your people sing, Holy
To the King of Kings, Holy
You will always be, Holy
Holy forever

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

Public Confession of Sin

Please be seated. We humbly confess our sin, expressing our unity even in our brokenness and collective need for God's grace.

Together: Most Merciful God, we thank You that You rule and reign over all things and that You are worthy to receive glory and honor and power. Yet Lord, we confess how often we fail to trust You as our King. Instead, we grow fearful and look for safety and security where it cannot be found. We pray that You would forgive us through the death and resurrection of Your Son, and enable us by Your Spirit to trust him and worship him. In his name we pray. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin

We take several moments of silence to meet with God individually, confess our sin, and seek His forgiveness and grace.

Assurance of Forgiveness - from Micah 7:18-19

The words of assurance are declarations of God's forgiveness, and redemption, spoken with joy.

Minister: Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. Rejoice! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Together: Thanks be to God.

Song of Assurance

The congregation responds with joy, gratitude, and renewed faith in God's promises.

All Sufficient Merit

All sufficient merit shining like the sun
A fortune I inherit by no work I have done
My righteousness I forfeit
At my Savior's cross
Where all sufficient merit
Did what I could not

In love He condescended
Eternal now in time
A life without a blemish
The Maker made to die
The law could never save us
Our lawlessness had won
Until the pure and spotless
Lamb had finally come

*It is done, it is finished
No more debt I owe
Paid in full, all sufficient merit
Now my own*

I lay down my garments , any empty boasts
Good works now all corrupted
By the sinful host
I'm dressed in my Lord Jesus
A crimson robe made white
No more fear of judgement
His righteousness is mine

All sufficient merit firm in life and death
The joy of my salvation
Shall be my final breath
When I stand accepted
Before the throne of God
I'll gaze upon my Jesus
And thank Him for the cross

Pastoral Prayer

The pastoral prayer is a prayer offered by an elder during the service of worship for, and on behalf of, the congregation.

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

The Reading of God's Word - Revelation 5:1-14

God speaks to us by His Word.

The Scroll and the Lamb

¹ Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ² And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?"

³ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴ and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵ And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

⁶ And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸ And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth."

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honour and glory and blessing!"

¹³ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Sermon - Beholding Our Redeemer

A sermon is not just teaching for living; it is mainly a time when God encounters his people through his Word.

1. The Scroll that Makes us Weep
2. The Lamb that Makes us Worship

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

God invites His people to forsake their sins and feast with Him at His table.

Song of Communion

Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb
Who bears our sins away
Slain for us, and we remember
The promise made
That all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross

So we share in this bread of life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ
Torn for you, eat and remember
The wounds that heal
The death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one

So we share in this bread of life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses
Ev'ry stain of sin
Shed for you, drink and remember
He drained death's cup
That all may enter in
To receive the life of God

So we share in this bread of life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness
And faith we rise
To respond, and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth

As we share in His suffering
We proclaim "Christ will come again!"
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

Please stand. We join the church in history by confessing this basic statement of what Christians believe.

Together:

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.*

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic** church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**While Jesus didn't literally descend to hell, he did endure the torment of hell on the cross and remained under the power of death until his resurrection.*

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Song of Thanksgiving & Offering

Please stand. We respond in thanks for God's redemptive work in Christ and offer our gifts to Him in gratitude. This is primarily for the members and regular attendees. If you are a guest today, please feel no obligation to give.

Let the Nations be Glad

Let the glory of the Lord
Forever be our joy
May redemption be the
Theme of our song
For by grace we have been saved
And by grace we shall proclaim
To the corners of the earth
That Christ has come

Through the ages gone before
Through the trial and the sword
Many saints and martyrs conquered
Though they died
Still we're holding out the cross
Crossing oceans, suffering loss
Shall endure all things
To win the crown of life

*Let the nations be glad
Let the peoples rejoice
For salvation belongs to our God
Let the whole earth be filled
With the praises of the Lord
For salvation belongs to our God
Let the nations be glad*

As Your holy church goes forth
In the Holy Spirit's power
With the glories of the gospel to explain
Now we pray Your kingdom come
And we pray Your will be done
For the honour and the glory
Of Your name

Benediction - from Numbers 6:24-26

A benediction is a pronouncement of God's blessing. We don't bow our heads; instead, we lift them up and even hold out our palms to receive God's blessing as we are sent out to participate in His mission to North Bangalore and beyond.

Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Together: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Announcements

Connect Card

We would love to connect with you and hear how best we can serve you. If you are visiting for the first time or haven't yet plugged in, pick up a connect card at the Welcome Table and place it in the offering plate later in the service or hand it to one of our Welcome Team volunteers.

Namma Srishti | 7 December

The “art-repreneurs” of Redeemer Church and New City Fellowship invite you to return to Namma Srishti for a Christmas market! The event will be held on Saturday, 7 December, from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. here at Redeemer.

Launch Services

We're so glad to have you with us today for Redeemer Church's first launch service. We will meet again for two more launch services on 15 December and 12 January. Please join us at 4:04 p.m. on those Sundays and bring a friend along. Receptions with light refreshments to follow the services.

Prayers During Communion

A prayer for those searching for truth:

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me the ability to follow you no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

A prayer of belief:

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead and are now representing me at the Father's right hand in heaven, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

A prayer for those struggling against sin:

Lord Jesus, give me the ability to see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and desires, and help me to turn from every false source of satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

A prayer for covenant children who have not yet made a profession of faith:

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow you as one of your disciples. Amen.